

# Marshfield Conservation Commission

## 83rd Meeting

**November 12th, 2014**

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Ann Miller, Annie Reed, Bob Popp, Steve Fiske, Sarah Norton, Allen Banbury

Minutes: October Minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report: No change from last meeting

Subdivision Regs:

- Agreed to defer our meeting with Planning Commission scheduled for Thurs, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss guidelines for protecting natural resources in town planning. The PC has suggested that we provide a draft beforehand, but we are still awaiting the PC to provide us with an outline of their what they want in the guidelines.
- Bob contacted Jon Groveman about attending the Nov 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to get suggestions re. the guidelines. Jon said the agenda is full, but all they want is guidelines for applicants to address the natural resource concerns in the subdivision regs. I suggested that the 4<sup>th</sup> may not be ideal since we'll have only one day to discuss & revise prior to submitting the guidelines. Jon will get back to me re. the timing.

Invasives at Stranahan

- Ed Jalbert and Mike Zahner spent half a day and cleared ca. ½ acre of woodsy invasive in early November.
- Another day is needed prior to the logging

Natural Marshfield Series

- Jens Hilke will provide a talk entitled Connecting Wildlife Habitats on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 Pm at Jacquith Library.**

Discussion of Logging at Stranahan:

- Annie went out with Ed and helped delineate the Class 3 wetlands prior to SB meeting.
- Bob attended SB meeting with Ed to discuss logging in Class 3 wetlands.
- The SB agreed that there would be no cutting in wetland, but it was too late to remark the stand so logging would be allowed in the buffer. If the logging does not occur this winter there will be an opportunity to remark the stand.
- We need to modify the management plan to address these new wetlands. The Mgt plan is due for revision. It is the task of the stewardship committee but we offered to assist.

Beaver Baffles at Stranahan – Tabled: No information

Other Business:

- According to Town Clerk we need to announce cancellations of meetings and advertise rescheduled meeting
- Rich Langdon from VT DEC will make a presentation on the origin of Vermont's fish on **Thursday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 at No. Branch Nature Center in Montpelier.**
- Tree & Shrub sale will be hosted by us this year: Annie , Tony, Anne, and Bob will assist Allen in organizing it.
- Watershed grants: Annie suggested that we begin a preliminary wetland assessment of wetlands within 600 ft of roadway, i.e. developable lands. Agreed to discuss in January. Bob agreed to contact George Springston, formerly of wetland program & Plainfield CC  
Note: subsequent to meeting Bob discussed with George who recently completed mapping wetlands in Middlebury.  
George delineated Middlebury wetlands on stereo photos, but these needed to be rectified before they could be transferred to a map. There are computer programs to do this but process was time consuming and not easy. George suggested that LIDAR photos will be available in the next year. These will already be rectified so no need to do that step. His suggestion is to wait until they become available thru VCGI at no charge. He is willing to assist us and is also interested in a joint effort between the 2 towns.
- We viewed a small publication entitled, Pond Life in Adamant : suggested doing something similar for Martin Covered Bridge.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 17 Nov 2014

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the November 12, 2014 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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